

ABSTRACT

An object of the present invention is to provide  
 5 an ink compositions which, when used with an ink jet  
 recording apparatus, can realize excellent ink ejection  
 stability while maintaining safety and satisfactory  
 penetration of ink. The ink composition according to the  
 present invention comprises at least a colorant, a  
 10 humectant, a glycol monoether as a penetrating agent, a  
 1,2-alkanediol, and water, the weight ratio of the  
 glycol monoether to the 1,2-alkanediol being in the  
 range of 1 : 5 to 5 : 1. According to another aspect of  
 the present invention, there is provided an ink  
 15 composition comprising at least a pigment, a dispersant  
 for dispersing the pigment, a 1,2-alkanediol, and water  
 as a main solvent, the content of the 1,2-alkanediol  
 being 0.5 to 10% by weight based on the total amount of  
 the ink composition.